

**WAR ON THE STEEL TRUST**

Labor leaders in conference in Pittsburg, decided to wage organized war upon the steel trust, declaring it was using its great power to rob tollers of their rights. The resolutions adopted are in part as follows:

A crisis in the affairs of labor has arisen. The gigantic trust, the United States steel corporation, is using its great wealth and power in an effort to rob tollers of their right of American manhood and of the opportunity to resist its further encroachments. Grown rich by the consent of the people of our country, this corporation in its mad greed for still greater riches sweeps aside—makes and unmakes law—its enactors and executors, and is now engaged in an effort to destroy the only factor—the organizations of its employes—standing between it and unlimited, unchecked and unbridled industrial, political, social and moral carnage. If there exists any virile power in our time and life to check the absolute autocratic domination of the civic, industrial and political life of our people and our republic, it must be found in the indomitable will and mission of the much misunderstood and misrepresented organizations of labor.

The United States steel corporation has declared war on labor. In its secret councils this corporation has decreed that the only obstacle to its complete sway—organized labor—shall be crushed. The labor organizations consist of its employes, the workers (their wives and little ones), human flesh and blood. It is by their labor that they live; they have no other purpose other than guarding their lives, their character, their future, the safety of the republic and humanity.

These factors now confront each other. By their purposes, attitude and actions must they be judged.

On June 1, 1909, the United States steel corporation proclaimed its decree of hostility toward labor. The right of the workers to associate for their common protection was no longer to be recognized or tolerated. Accompanying that decree was a notice of a further reduction in the already scant wages of the worker. The decree went into effect July 1, 1909. We therefore urge that in earnest effort be made to thoroughly organize all employes in the iron, steel and tin plate industry and subsidiary correlated trades. Owing to immediate pressing necessity caused by the present strike and the indefensible hostile attitude of the United States steel corporation, we earnestly call upon all national and international unions of America to send at least one organizer to assist in this work. We further urge and recommend that in all places where mills are located the central labor organizations appoint special committees with instructions to co-operate in this work. For educational purposes we recommend that this manifesto be made a special order in all central labor organizations at the first meeting in January, 1910.

We recommend that the executive council of the American Federation of Labor issue a circular to all unions of America, an appeal for financial contributions to aid the striking iron, steel and tin plate workers.

We further recommend that the amount of such contributions should not be less than ten cents per member.

In view of the great wrongs perpetrated by the United States steel corporation, not only against the workers but the public generally, we recommend that a committee be appointed by this conference to wait upon the president of the United States, the president of the United States senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and such

members of either house of congress as may be deemed advisable for the purpose of laying before them the grievances from which labor suffers at the hands of this corporation.

At the instance of the United States steel corporation, officers of local, municipal and state governments, have unwarrantably tyrannized over citizens, invading the constitutionally guaranteed rights of free speech.

We recommend that committees be appointed by this conference to wait upon the governors of state and such other official representatives of counties and municipalities as are in control where the United States steel corporation has plants located, for the purpose of presenting to these officials the great wrong inflicted upon the people of these communities, and that the committees demand an investigation, and where charges made are substantiated by evidence the officers responsible therefore be removed and the wrongs immediately righted.

We appeal to all liberty loving Americans for their moral and financial support.

- JAMES O'CONNELL.
- T. L. LEWIS.
- W. D. MAHON.
- GEORGE W. PERKINS.
- J. W. HAYS.
- FRANK M. RYAN.
- E. T. HALEY.
- SAMUEL GOMPERS.
- P. J. McARDIE.
- CHARLES E. LAWLER.

**FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH**

Former President Patton, of Princeton University, once delivered a sermon at Fifth Avenue Collegiate church, his subject being "Faith." He spoke of the blind faith of the client who puts himself at the mercy of a lawyer in preparing an action for himself at the mercy of a lawyer in preparing an action for trial, and the confidence of the sick in entrusting themselves to the physician.

"A case of blind faith," said the clergyman. "The doctor writes out a prescription. Oftener than not you can not read it; you don't know what it is. He tells you to take it. 'Yours not to reason why, yours but to do and die.'"

Whether or not Dr. Patton meant it, there was a distinct ripple throughout the congregation.—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

**AN INFANT INDUSTRY**

"What's this?" demanded the customs officer, pointing to a package at the bottom of the trunk. "That is a foreign book entitled 'Politeness,'" answered the man who had just landed. "I guess I'll have to charge you a duty on it," rejoined the inspector. "It competes with a small and struggling industry in this country."—Chicago Tribune.

**SCRIPTURAL PRECEDENT**

Jonah stepped ashore. "I left my records in the whale," he observed. "Anybody who wants to see them can go after them." It was noticed that none questioned his exploit.—New York Sun.

**WHEN THE BOOKS COME OUT**

Book Agent—"Is the lady of the house in?" Jimmy—"Maw says which book are you sellin'—Peary's or Cook's?"—Cleveland Leader.

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**THE REGULAR THING**

A certain Louisville social leader, whom we will call Mrs. Fayette County, to avoid identifying her, was told by her husband over the telephone that he would bring a number of guests home to dinner. The party was altogether unexpected and in all the house, which has become noted for the generous and sumptuous dinners spread in it, there was not food enough.

Mrs. County got busy at once and instructed her cook to order certain supplies while she planned the rest of the dinner. A little later Mrs. County happened in the room where

the telephone was and was horrified to hear the cook talking ferociously into the telephone, something as follows:

"An' Ah want six dozen sof' shell crabs and ef you' doan get dem up here mighty quick Ah'll skin every one of yo', ye' low down—'Who is dis?'—Dis is Mrs. Fayette County, dat's who dis is and Ah means ebery word Ah say."

"Mandy," cried the mistress, "what do you mean? You must not."

"Law'sy," returned the cook, "that's all right, Miss Fay, Ah talks to 'um like dat for yo' all de time."—Louisville Times.

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